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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL
INTELLIGENCE**

SUBJECT: NIE 36-54: Probable Developments in the Arab States

1. Despite the complexity and wide range of this estimate the IAC representatives reached agreement without fundamental difference on matters of substance or interpretation.

2. JIG expressed the opinion that the situation in Iraq and in Saudi Arabia was too fluid for a satisfactory estimate to be made at this time and that NIE 36-54 should be postponed for thirty days on that account. The Board took the position that there would probably always be one or more such situations in the Arab states, and that a general estimate could probably be made as effectively now as thirty days hence. The other IAC representatives expressed agreement.

3. We do not know of any changes likely to be proposed at the IAC meeting.

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